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SUBJ: ELIMINATION OF RULE 14 OF MEXICAN TARIFF

REF: EMBASSY'S 0354, JAN 13, 1975

1. THE NEW MEXICAN IMPORT TARIFF PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 27 ELIMINATED RULE 14 WHICH HAD LONG PROVIDED SPECIAL CUSTOMS TREATMENT FOR MACHINERY IMPORTED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, SO LONG AS THEY QUALIFIED UNDER ITS SPECIAL PROVISIONS. IN ITS LAST REVISION OF 1972, THE REDUCTION WAS SET AT 65 PERCENT OF CALCULATED DUTIES ON IMPORTS OF MACHINERY INCLUDED UNDER A NUMBER OF SPECIFIED SECTIONS OF THE TARIFF.

2. ON JANUARY 17 THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIRECTORATE OF TAX STUDIES (DIRECCION GENERAL DE ESTUDIOS HACENDARIOS) SPOKE BEFORE A SEMINAR ON THE NEW TARIFF SPONSORED BY ANIERM, THE IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION. A COPY OF HIS SPEECH HAS BEEN PROMISED BY THE MANAGER OF THE ASSOCIATION. ESSENTIALLY, HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC MANUFACTURE OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND SOME POTENTIAL INVESTORS HAVE CONSIDERED RULE 14 AN OBSTACLE. OTHER INSTRU-  
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MENTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRIES WHICH NEED FISCAL

INCENTIVES, INCLUDING THE LAW FOR NEW AND NECESSARY INDUSTRIES AND THE DECREE FOR INDUSTRIAL DECENTRALIZATION. HE ALSO SUPPOSEDLY ADDED THAT IF ELIMINATION OF RULE 14 RESULTED IN HARDSHIP CASES, MEASURES WOULD BE APPLIED TO AMELIORATE THE PROBLEM FOR THE COMPANIES AFFECTED. RAW MATERIALS, WHERE NECESSARY TO COMBAT INFLATION, WOULD REPORTEDLY ALSO BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONCESSIONS. AS SOON AS TEXT OF THE TALK IS AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE FORWARDED.

3. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO AWAITING COPY OF A LETTER WHICH IS REPORTEDLY BEING PREPARED IN SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE FOR DELIVERY TO GATT, REGARDING THE NEW TARIFF. THIS DOCUMENT WILL ALSO BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS RECEIVED.  
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